

**VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

**Present Were:**

Led Klosky, Chairperson  
Mary Aspin, Vice Chair  
Dominic Cordisco (7:55)  
Lorraine McGuinness

**Absent**

Bill Grisoli

**Also Present:**

Mark Edsall, Village Trustee  
Michele Smith, Hudson Highlands Land Trust  
Jason Kaplan, Cornwall Local  
Roberta Hastey, Recording Secretary

Mr. Klosky opened the meeting at 7:02pm

**WORKSHOP**

The Committee met on June 10 to work on the list of goals (section 3.1 from the 2007 plan). The committee adapted the goals and went over them at the meeting, further adjusting a few of the goals. The adapted goals are as follows

COH Comp Plan Goals 2017

1. Preserve the Village's unique character
  - 1.1. Provide architecture review discretion to enhance compatibility between new development and existing neighborhoods
  - 1.2. Identify, protect and capitalize on strategic assets such as culturally, historically or architecturally important sites and our extensive trail systems
2. Support and enhance economic vitality
  - 2.1. Work to attract tax-positive commercial development to offset existing tax-exempt lands and help pay for residential services
  - 2.2. Encourage growth of tourism
  - 2.3. Explore complementary uses of unoccupied and underutilized properties within the Central Business District
3. Promote a range of suitably located housing alternatives, including affordable and senior housing.
4. Protect natural resources and encourage conservation
5. Enhance the quality of life for Village residents
6. Address long term infrastructure requirements
  - 6.1. Identify and prioritize capital improvement projects, especially addressing climate change impact
  - 6.2. Encourage the use of renewable energy resources

***The Committee voted unanimously to forward the adjusted draft goals to the Village Board for their consideration.***

## **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION - TEXT TO ACCOMPANY GOALS**

#2 - Trail system safety, parking on Mountain Road possibly moving pillars to increase parking. Better promotion of our natural resources including signage for access to Black Rock, a website that shows the trails for both town and village and promotes local businesses.

#5 Quality of Life - Lighting was brought up as an item that affects quality of life some recommendations might be for full cut off fixtures or domed LED lights. (Specific concerns will be included in a memo to the Village Board)

#6 Infrastructure - When replacing the three 9W bridges: Angola, Willow and Quaker open them up to make them pedestrian and bicyclist friendly.

## **DATA NEEDS**

Update the census and tax data – Ms. Aspin will contact Kerry McGuinness and Leslie Dodson as the Town is in the process of upgrading their demographics and all of their demographics will include the Village's data as well.

Mr. Klosky would like to see the tax situation for approximately 15 sample homes plotted out. Mr. Edsall suggested a look at change in mix of commercial versus residential taxes. Mr. Cordisco noted the Orange County Real Property Tax Service maintains records and can provide data as well as analysis.

## **TASK ASSIGNMENTS**

The apportioning of the writing assignments will be done electronically.

- Mr. Cordisco offered to digitize the 2007 plan as well as create the layout for 2017 plan.
- Mr. Cordisco would like to work on the History Section of the document
- Workforce housing – Ms. Aspin would like to address
  - ~ Mr. Edsall: the Village Board will be considering the draft at their July meeting but will circulate the draft to the Planning Board and Comprehensive Plan Committee prior to the Public Hearing on it.
- Draft memo regarding lighting issue for Village Board
  - ~ The committee voted to authorize Mr. Klosky to draft the memo.

## **ADDITIONAL ISSUES**

Mr. Edsall will pull out the compilation survey of the riverfront area done by Steve Dreyback for the 2007 plan for Ms. Aspin to use.

Other positive uses of the water front area: Prom photos, RiverFest, the upcoming the screening of ET, Rowing Club and Kayak Companies.

How do we open up the riverfront to make the most of the opportunity provided by that natural resource in a way that is sensitive to residents.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Michele Smith from Hudson Highlands Land Trust, was glad to hear Item 4 - Protecting Natural Resources as part of the goals. Orange County Water Authority has been working with the Town

and Village to provide maps for a natural resource directory. One way to make the data more useful would be to create an open space inventory and identify parcels that are resource-rich. Get public input on why the community values certain spaces, what are the most highly valued open spaces; and have the community prioritize those spaces.

Mr. Klosky mentioned the Committee looks forward to working with the data from Niklas Moran's work on the Hudson Valley Regional Council, the Town of Cornwall Conservation Advisory Council and with the Orange County Water Authority. Ms. Smith said there are maps produced, the narrative is being worked on now.

Mr. Cordisco asked if there are additional areas the Land Trust is interested in locally. Ms. Smith noted that the Trust looks at comprehensive plans to see what the residence have prioritized and that helps them prioritize what they protect.

### **Adjournment**

*Mr. Klosky adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM*

Respectfully submitted

Roberta Hastey  
Recording Secretary