

**VILLAGE OF CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

Present Were:

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

Absent

Dominic Cordisco

Also Present:

John Moran
Roberta Hastey, Recording Secretary

Mr. Klosky opened the meeting at 7:00pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Moran commented that he attended the Town's Comprehensive Planning Meeting the night before and felt they were off to a good start.

GOALS

A motion was made by Ms. McGuinness to adopt the goals, Mr. Grisoli seconded, all in favor.

TASK/SECTION ASSIGNMENT

Mr. Klosky checked with the Committee to see if they were satisfied with the digitized version of the prior plan converted by Mr. Cordisco. Other than missing maps that will be scanned in and some minor formatting issues, the members were happy with the electronic version of the plan. The plan is now in an editable format in Dropbox. Mr. Klosky asked the Committee members to do their editing using "track changes" and but wait to work as a group to accept changes. Each section will have a leader to coordinate the changes. Also the table of contents and executive summary will be moved to the beginning of the document and certain sections will be streamlined by moving data to the appendices. Different members of the community (like Planning Board chair, Jeff Small) will be invited to review and submit comments before the document is presented to the public for their approval.

Demographics – Ms. Aspin will be getting a large amount of the demographics from the Town's committee which she will summarize. They also have graphics and there might be a possibility of getting some older images from the Village's Historical Society for use throughout the document but particularly in the History section.

Assignments

Executive Summary – Mr. Klosky – goals will be included in summary but fleshed out in 1.2

1.0 Introduction - Mr. Klosky and Mr. Cordisco – it was suggested that historic data be moved into Appendix (specifically items within pages 2-6)

1.1 What Is a Comprehensive (Master) Plan? Mr. Cordisco

1.2 Complimentary & Synergistic Goals/Actions – section may not be kept

1.3 The Planning Process – (large amount of original focus was on Orange County Plan – is it

still relevant? What parts should be included, how much should be summarized?) Move some to 1.1 but leave table to fill in what is being done throughout the region (like the maps Niklas Moran is working on)

2.0 Existing Conditions – Mr. Klosky

2.1 Geography – Mr. Klosky

2.2 Water Supply – Include Sewer & Waste – Mr. Grisoli

2.3 Political Structure – Ms. Aspin

2.4 Demographics – Ms. Aspin & Ms. McGuinness

2.5 Existing Land Conditions – Ms. McGuinness & Ms. Aspin - Ms. Aspin will get data from the Orange County Real Property office.

2.6 Review of Existing Zoning – Ask Mr. Small to draft section

2.7 Traffic Analysis/Transit & Transportation including Walkability and Bicycle Access. Mr. Grisoli – Also move data to appendix.

3.0 Comprehensive Plan - Everyone

3.1 Goals & Objectives – Mr. Klosky

Rest will be looked at as the Committee gets further along a lot of which will be informed by 2.5 and by 3.1

3.2 Key Elements

3.3 Land Use Recommendations

3.4 Open Space & Recreation Plan

3.5 Economic Plan

3.6 Other Plan Recommendations

4.0 Implementation – Mr. Cordisco

4.1 State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)

4.2 Adopting & Implementing the Plan

4.3 Maintaining the Plan

4.4 Zoning/Village Regulations

4.5 Official Village Map

4.6 Capital Improvements & Transactions

4.7 Recreation/Open Spaces

4.8 Private Development & Philanthropy

4.9 Village/Town Cooperation

4.10 Village Cooperation with County & State Agencies

4.11 Summary

Appendices will be formed from the work.

As part of 2.4/2.6 Mr. Klosky asked that the committee look at the tax trajectory – Ms. McGuinness & Ms. Aspin will gather data and Mr. Klosky will do analysis.

ADDITIONAL ISSUES

SEQRA – A discussion ensued regarding SEQRA and it was thought that comprehensive plans are a Type I action.

ACCESSORY HOUSING LAW

Public Hearing was held on Monday regarding Accessory Housing Law

Proposed law is much clearer and contains requirements for home to be owner occupied single

family home, two off street spaces will be required, there will be an annual fee, the premises can be inspected annually and a new owner would have 60 days to reapply. If the apartment is larger than 750 sq. ft., the property will be considered a two-family home. There can only be one apartment on the property and it cannot be a separate structure.

Timetable and Milestones will be discussed at next meeting. Mr. Klosky suggested that the Committee adopt the draft section by section then post each section as completed.

Mr. Grisoli asked whether they should come back with any structural changes or make recommendations as they go along. One suggestion was to add more images and graphics as plans are used as marketing documents for the area so thinking should be to make the document (and therefore the area) as appealing as possible. Ms. Aspin noted that plans can also be used for grants.

MINUTES

Ms. McGuinness made a motion to approve 6/22/17 minutes, seconded by Ms. Aspin and approved by all.

Ms. McGuinness made a motion to approve 5/25/17 minutes, seconded by Mr. Grisoli and approved by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Moran brought up concerns regarding water and sewer. He also suggested data on taxes can be skewed and medians should be used as one particular house could change in value due to repairs and improvements or lack thereof.

Regarding Geography the plan should consider higher water levels in the future. Mr. Moran also noted that the museum is small and that a lot of discussion regarding the history of the Village misses the golden age from 1890 to 1950. He also noted that the Town is doing a survey and could the committee look at the feedback from the Village residents?

Adjournment

Mr. Klosky adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Roberta Hastey
Recording Secretary