



Town of Mount Hope Comprehensive Plan Update



Comprehensive Plan Update Committee (CPUC) Committee Meeting #7

Mount Hope Town Hall
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Meeting Notes

The following members of the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee (CPUC) were present:

- Dominick Cambareri,
- Daniel Golebiowski,
- Wayne Howell, and
- Jim Kowalczyk

Also in attendance were:

- David Bavoso (Town Attorney),
- Michael Welti (B&L), and
- 2 members of the public – Mary Beth Horzepa and James Smith

The meeting began at 5:00 PM. Mr. Welti welcomed everyone, reviewed the meeting agenda (attached), and began discussion of committee business.

Committee Business

The Committee reviewed the notes from its last meeting (January 5th) and agreed that they were complete. The notes will be posted on the comprehensive plan page of the Town's website.

Overview of Preliminary Draft Plan

Mr. Welti distributed copies of a preliminary draft plan to members of the committee. He noted that this initial version of the draft is a work in progress and, therefore, should not be shared outside of the committee. He then proceeded to walk the committee through the document, focusing on Section 3: Plan Recommendations. The recommendations in the preliminary draft were organized under the following topics:

- Update Land Use Regulations to Preserve Rural Character
- Promote Open Space and Farmland Conservation
- Develop a vision for an interconnected network of Open Space and Recreational Resources
- Protect Environmental Resources
- Promote Rural Business Development
- Additional Townwide Recommendations

Within each of these topics, a number of tools and techniques were described. The Committee discussed these and asked questions as they moved through the recommendations. For example, when discussing ridgeline protection it was noted that proposals for development on existing lots in the Resource Preservation (RP) Districts are not currently reviewed by the Planning Board. Due to the importance of the Shawangunk Ridge, it was suggested that perhaps all development proposals in the RP Districts should require Site Plan Review by the Planning Board. Site Plan Review is a fairly simple process and is not overly onerous.

Generally, the committee reacted favorably to the recommendations as Mr. Welti reviewed them. However, it was agreed that Committee members should take some time after tonight's meeting to read through the recommendations carefully and think about whether they are appropriate, whether they should be refined in some manner, whether some may not be necessary, and/or whether additional things should be considered. Mr. Welti also noted that some of the recommendations are more fleshed out than others, and he will continue to work on the ones that need more explanation or detail in the meantime.

Next Step: Draft Plan

The committee agreed to read through the preliminary draft and provide comments and suggestions to Mr. Welti (via email if possible) by Wednesday, March 29th. Mr. Welti will continue to work on sections of the document that are incomplete and will try to incorporate the feedback he receives from the committee next week. He will try to get a revised version of the plan out to the committee (via email) by about Friday, April 7th.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 20th (5:00 PM at Town Hall).

Public Comment

Ms. Horzepa noted that she liked the idea of the Heritage Trail Extension.

Mr. Smith introduced himself to the committee and shared his ideas for creating a healthy community. His ideas focus on creating a place that serves all generations and includes the notion of community gathering places that might support culture and the arts, linking parts of the community through trails and other forms of active transportation that provide alternatives for healthy living and informal interaction among residents, and opportunities for fostering a more diverse economy including options that would be attractive to young professionals drawn to the Town's quality of life.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at about 6:45 PM.



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AGENDA**



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Wednesday, March 22, 2017 - 5:00 PM

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

2. Committee Business

- Meeting notes from January 5th
- Project website

3. Overview of Preliminary Draft Plan

- Discussion
- Implementation Priorities

4. Next Step: Draft Plan

- Committee Comments to B&L – by Wednesday 3/29
- Revised Draft Plan to Committee – by Friday 4/7 (tentative)

5. Next Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, April 19 or Thursday, April 20?

6. Public Comment

7. Adjourn