

Village of Hastings on Hudson
Comprehensive Plan Committee

Minutes of Meeting No. 35
June 24th, 2009 at 8:00 pm

Media room of the James Harmon Community Center, 44 Main Street

Present: Jim Metzger, Rebecca Strutton, Kathy Sullivan, Harry Thomas, Betsy Imershein, Lynda Merchant, Fred Wertz,

Excused: Carolyn Summers, Ellen Hendrickx, Steve Corrigan, Richard Bass,

Vice Chair: Lynda Merchant

Village Liaison: Susan Maggiotto

Consultant: Liz Leheny

8:15 pm. The meeting was called to order, and the minutes of the meeting with PPSA were accepted.

Updates:

Kathy Sullivan reported that the Spring Thing was canceled and she thanked everyone for being so flexible with their time.

Betsy Imershein reported that Jerry Quinlan and Mayor Swiderski went to Albany and had a meeting regarding the play book for the reuse of waterfront buildings. This was the first time that any official from Hastings has met with the Commissioner of DEC.

Reports:

1. *Impressions of meeting on June 15th*

Jim Metzger said that he thought the meeting could have gone on two more hours because the input from the residents was very informative. Betsy Imershein spoke about her disappointment with the turn out for the meeting and that there were very few new faces. Lynda Merchant pointed out that the CPC should plan so that there is more advance time for publicity. We seem to do everything at the last minute. Kathy Sullivan pointed out that the information from the meeting is up on the website. Liz L. said she thought the meeting was good but she also was a little disappointed with the turn out. She felt the topics were dealt with and the people who came got their money's worth.

2. *June 15th meeting recommendations:*

The recommendations are from 6 general topics: Adapting to Global Climate Change, Protecting the community character, protecting natural resources, Greening of the infrastructure, improving circulation throughout the Village and Fiscal responsibility and Economic Development. Kathy S. Pointed out that if we want the plan to be written by the fall we must keep the momentum going. Fred W. and others asked that we meet with Boards and Commissions that will need to implement the plan to go over the information prepared by Liz L. It was decided that the committee will meet with the Board of Trustees, Planning Board and the Zoning Board if possible to ask for input. It was suggested that the time frame for

the plan should be July meet with Boards, August Compile the information gathered, September have a village wide meeting. Liz needs about a month so by mid October we should have a public unveiling of the plan

9PM Richard Bass arrived.

9:15 PM Public Comment:

David Skolnik proposed that new people need to be brought into the process at our meetings. New people may not be aware of the wide participation that is welcomed at our meetings. The televised content is good but still not clear at times. The CPC should create summaries of what we talk about. He also brought up about having the CPC blog used for other things, maybe as a forum for responding to questions. Kathy Sullivan spoke about how the blog was set up. It was not set up nor have the oversight to respond to David's idea at this time. David also spoke about the need for the public to be incorporated into the meetings when something is controversial. It seems the public has not had a chance to respond to the recommendations presented at this meeting, for instance.. Liz pointed out that the need for the recommendations to be fact checked by the village boards before any formal recommendations are made.

Kathy Sullivan thanked David for his comments.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Next meeting July 8th, 2009 with Bill Brady from the Westchester County Planning Department