

Village of Hastings on Hudson
Comprehensive Plan Committee

Minutes of Meeting No. 37
July 22nd, 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, Lynda Merchant, Ellen Hendrickx, Richard Bass,

Excused: Steve Corrigan, Betsy Imershein, Fred Wertz,
Vice Chair: Rebecca Strutton
Village Liaison: Susan Maggiotto

8:15 pm. The meeting was called to order, and the minutes of the meeting of June 10th, 2009 were accepted.

Updates:

Waterfront recommendation were distributed for the committee to look over and discuss at our next meeting

Kathy Sullivan will send John Dennehey the Draft recommendations for him to look at.

The CPC met with the Planning Board and felt that the meeting was organized and that the planning board's comments were very helpful. We realize that the planning board did not have sufficient time to look over the recommendations before our meeting,, and yet they gave a very thorough review. Members of the board will look over these recommendations and get back to the CPC with any further comments. Kathy will email Patty Speranza and Fred Wertz to ask for that review and also to forward the waterfront recommendations.

Meeting with the Board of Trustees on August 4th will be a similar format to discuss the draft recommendations for the plan. Rebecca S. asked that a caveat be placed on these summaries that the CPC has not had a chance to thoroughly vet these results. She will prepare a draft of that language.

Starting in September we will set up public meetings with the community, village boards and commissions to review the recommendations. The writing of the plan will take place in December. There will be a public meeting to review the draft plan in January 2010. A discussion was held regarding posting these draft recommendations on the website. Rebecca asked that a caveat be placed much like previously stated and also including that these recommendations are work copies only not final plans. Harry T asked if we could incorporate the draft recommendations into the presentations from the public meetings, so the public would have enough back ground to read the recommendations. Kathy will send out an email with the links to those presentations and to the WHOH videos.

Kathy S. asked the committee to think about what we need to focus on and how we want to approach the upcoming documents and public meetings. Rebecca S asked if we couldn't take the recommendations and put them into 5 topics instead of the long list we have. The

following will be the topics: Waterfront & Large Tracts, Down Town, Circulation, Sustainability, ICLEI and Stormwater and Quality of life- Taxes and Affordable Housing.. We will hold 5 meetings; one for each topic.

9:15 PM Public Comment:

David Skolnik made reference to the deer study by the Town of Greenburg. He also asked about the coordination of the CPC with the LWRP. Jim M spoke that the coordination has not begun. Both committees seem to be on a parallel track. We will be informed of any changes to the LWRP and see how that can be addressed in the plan. Ellen H. spoke about her impression that the board believes that the two plans will mesh together. Mr. Skolnik also spoke about the email he sent on circulation. Kathy reported that it may not be possible or expected that the committee will respond to each point in his email, but will take his ideas and questions into the discussion when circulation is the topic for the evening. She thanked him for his attention.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM