

Meeting Minutes
Comprehensive Plan Committee
Meeting # 31
Date April 22, 2009

Attendees: Ellen Hendrickx, Lynda Merchant, Jim Metzger, Rebecca Strutton, Kathy Sullivan, Carolyn Summers arrived at 8:45 PM.

Absent: Richard Bass, Steve Corrigan, Fred Wertz, Harry Thomas

8:15 PM Welcome. No quorum was present which meant that the minutes could not be approved.

Update: Kathy Sullivan said that Liz Leheny is very grateful for all the work the CPC has done this past week. Kathy will post a memo on the website to update the results of our work. The early information from Harry Thomas was very useful on housing. Steve Corrigan will review transportation on Friday.

Angie Witkowski sent to the consultants a copy of the Large Tracts Study prepared by a Planning Board subcommittee in 2004. On Friday John Shapiro and Liz Leheny came to Hastings and took a tour. Kathy S drove them around to see the areas mentioned in the Large Tracts Study and drove them to all the entrances into the village. Jim Metzger then joined and toured them along the waterfront. Kathy S. said that John Shapiro is a creative listener and raises topics and ideas to discuss later. Jim also reported that they walked the downtown area and discussed why some stores are successful.

That same day, PPSA met with Gab Lesser and Eileen Baecher from the school board and Nina Cangiano from the village's Economic Development Committee. The discussion focused on the tax certiorari claims that come from different types of development and the consequences for village residents. The consultants also discussed the downtown.

Jim also spoke about the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) meeting with the Board of Trustees. George Hitzman spoke about the waterfront clean up and gave an update on progress. The DEC representative also said that he would update the village in 9 months. Ellen Hendrickx pointed out that the residents of the village should make some noise in order to put more pressure so we get some attention and possible a solution to the waterfront problems. A discussion was held regarding the relationship that the DEC has to the companies who need to clean up the waterfront. DEC is a regulatory agency that monitors and decides what method of clean up and remediation needs to happen.. DEC mentioned that at the south end of the waterfront, an experiment will happen. A mixture of Miracle Grow and hydrogen peroxide will be used to stimulate the growth of bacteria that will breakdown the hydrocarbons into salt and water. If this is successful it could make the south end available much sooner than expected. The DEC also said they will be putting down orange netting at the depth of the clean up covered with 2 feet of clean fill, so that builders will be aware that more remediation is needed if they have hit this layer. Kathy S. asked Jim and Ellen to work on

an email to Liz about the update so PPSA has current information. Sue Maggiotto reported that it was the first time the village has seen Mr. Janeway on this topic and according to him if the companies cooperate we can do this.

Update on livable communities: Linda Schultz from Greenburgh aimed at seniors. The procedure is to set up “villages” that is any interested organization for services to improve the quality of life for senior citizens, such as schools or VFW.

8:45 PM Topics

May 2nd meeting: The format will be a town hall discussion around the topics of the downtown and potential developable sites. John Shapiro will lead the discussion. It will be a presentation of facts and a group discussion. Liz will provide her summary of our data, she is focusing in on a hypothetical way to develop; a “what if” scenario. Liz also took the large tract study and included parcels above 2 acres for our review.

Publicity was discussed for the meeting

Banner at five corners: Jim M will call the DPW about the previous banner to see if we can update the date for the meeting and not pay for an additional banner to be made.

School and Village email: Kathy Sullivan

Enterprise: put listing in community events column , Kathy Sullivan and Ellen H will write a letter to the Editor.

Flyer: Lynda M. will design, copy and distribute the flyer for the meeting in the village. Rebecca S will take copies to distribute at the Hastings Nursery School.

9:05 PM No public comment

9:05 PM meeting was adjourned.