

Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes 1/25/24

Meeting starts: 6:30pm. Minutes taken by Rich Azoff

Members present: Josepha Gutelius, Rich Azoff, Sam Dederick, Bob Dederick, Aden Hughes, Lauren Marcello Ruberg, Carole Ann Mayone, Leeanne Thornton

Absent:, Susan Weeks

Election of CPC Officers for 2024:

The following were nominated and unanimously approved as officers for 2024:

- Josepha Gutelius - Chair
- Samantha Dederick - Vice Chair
- Richard Azoff - Secretary

Minutes from November, 2024 were unanimously approved.

Town Board Report (Leeanne Thornton):

- There will be two public hearings, 2/14/24 and 2/29/24 on the proposed lodgings and events regulations
- New police chief was hired, a new truck was purchased by the town, copy machines in offices were updated, and some town salaries were adjusted
- Lifespring is having free February events.
- Boys and Girls Club fundraiser will be held in February
- There will be a town celebration of Woodstock 94 (30th anniversary) in August
- Bristol Beach - trail development, hopes on constructing a pavilion
- TV 23 has received upgraded equipment

Business

The bulk of the meeting was spent in an informal discussion of issues relating to affordable housing. There was disagreement as to causes and solutions, but agreement that there is a serious lack of affordable housing in Saugerties.

At present the CPC has no "charge" from the town board as to what topic it should be addressing. It was noted that there is already an Affordable Housing Committee, and the CPC wouldn't want to duplicate work done by that committee.

It was agreed that LEEANNE would address the question of the "charge" of the CPC with the Town Board. Possibly there would be a workshop scheduled to discuss affordable housing concerns, or other areas the TB would like to see addressed by the Committee.

In the absence of a future agenda for the next meeting, the February meeting will be canceled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Richard Azoff