

Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes 3/27/25

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

Members present: Rich Azoff, Sam Dederick, Bob Dederick, Carole Ann Mayone, Laura Diffenderfer, Lauren Marcello Ruberg

Also present: Adriana Beltrani, Leeanne Thornton

Absent: Aden Hughes, Susan Weeks, Stephanie Bassler,

Accept minutes from February, 2024.

Town Board Report:

- Public hearing on the expansion of property tax exemption for seniors
- Pickle Ball lighting is out to bid
- Webex presentation on CCA rates
- UCTC will review TAP grant applications, including the one from Saugerties about 9W sidewalks
- Union negotiations are continuing
- Stallions will be playing
- Fundraising for splash pad is proceeding

Business

Carole Ann Mayone attended the STAC (Saugerties Transportation Access Committee) and reported on it. Their concerns were related to sidewalks and the lack of regulation. Here is Carole Ann's report:

Lou Klepner, the chairman of the STAC, stated that sidewalks are a big concern. The Planning

Board needs to follow through with the zoning statute. There should be a formal waiver

process for site plan requirements and able to present the Planning Board with Article 78 for

not following through. Could we review sidewalk requirements – legal issue – maintenance –

perhaps Adriana could draft the proper language on this. The STAC feels that there definitely

needs to be more "Follow Through"

Kevin Brown feels that the Town and Village need to be more equal. In other words – follow

the same rules – be more restrictive – he believes it would be beneficial because he feels that

the Town and Village will be 'one' someday.

Leeanne made copies of Roads and Complete Streets (4.9 – Pages 22 & 23) in addition to Goal

#11: Traffic Planning (Pages 50 & 51) of the Comprehensive Plan. The members took home to

review and will email should they have further comments.

Note: *There is no code regarding sidewalks in the town, except in subdivisions.*

Historic Preservation was visited by Samantha. They haven't digitized their registry and should do that to increase access to that register. There is only one copy, paper, in the library, which limits its availability.

Adriana reported on the Planning Board meeting:

Regarding the Planning Board, the following feedback items were provided:

- Traffic along Route 9W/32 in Glasco/HDR district*
- Managing impacts to drinking water*
- Permitted uses are sometimes not consistent with environmental constraints*
- Many similar uses nearby- what defines "saturation"*
- Expand uses in the business districts- keep light manufacturing around and keep the youth around*
 - Blue Collar/working folks versus Visitors/second homes/leisure folks*
- Need to identify short- and long-term goals*

In general, more clearly defined terminology would also help the PB such as what constitutes an "impact" or a "burden"

Stephanie Bassler attended the ZBA meeting. She reported:

Signage regulations posed some issues when Starbucks was under review, with the resulting signage not ideal for the location or business, but necessary due to confusing/contradictory language that could be improved. They noted that there are other areas of the Zoning Code that are internally inconsistent, and agreed that a follow-up review would be helpful in identifying the editing issues that could be corrected.

- The ZBA has not been asked to review and comment on proposed Zoning changes, and would like to have that opportunity going forward, which should be communicated to the Town Board.

What are the implications of these reports for the CPC? It doesn't appear that the Historic Preservation issues are relevant to the CPC agenda.

We discussed the issue of "sidewalks" and "complete streets" as described in the Comprehensive Plan. Specifically page 21, page 46, page 50. Since these other committees are addressing this issue, though with difficulty, it is unclear what the role of CPC could be, other than perhaps writing a letter of support.

For next meeting: support the STAC work on sidewalks/9W. Continue review of Comprehensive Plan.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Minutes respectfully submitted: Richard Azoff