

Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes - April 24th, 2025

Minutes taken by Bob Dederick

Meeting starts at 6:34pm

Members present: Aden Hughes, Stephanie Bassler, Susan Weeks, Bob Dederick, Lauren Ruberg, Sam Dederick, Leeanne Thornton & Adriana Beltrani

Absent: Carol Ann Mayone, Laura Diffenderfer, & Richard Azoff

Accept the minutes from March 27th, 2025. all in favor

Town board report from Leeanne:

- Barry Benepe, a long time member of the CPC passed away.
- Community Choice electric program is on hold due to the volatile economy
- The highway Dept. is busy
- UCTC has 4 new electric buses, and will be starting a new nature bus route soon.
- TAP grant has been submitted.
- Lodging & Events will be going to public hearing soon.
- Historic Preservation voted 4 to 1 to designate the Villas property a historic site.
- The town board has 45 days to vote on whether it becomes law
- New parking lot in village will have 30 spots, with meters with a future parking payment APP.

Susan made her report on her visit to the CAC. They feel the most important thing we can help with, would be to support the Community Preservation Act, so we can use the funds to buy open space. This would be put on the town ballot as a referendum before it became law.

Stephanie Bassler met with Kai Lord-Farmer, Diane Colello, (& Fred) of the housing commission.

Saugerties is eligible for a \$50,000 grant for consulting services for housing needs assessment.

This would include changes to zoning, including language & maps to promote affordable housing.

Per Adrianna:

- Complete Streets is a plan, not a law. STAC was formed to implement complete streets.
- The streets are controlled by the town, county, & state. Developers cannot be compelled to improve the roads.
- The SAMA study recommended access management overlay zoning, using complete streets concepts.
- Gateway Overlay does not reference SAMA or Complete Streets.

We were each given one or more goals from the comp plan to review the goals and implementation, and report at the next meeting.

Adjourn at 8:36pm