

Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes 1/26/23

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

Members present: Josepha Gutelius, Lauren Marcello Ruberg, Richard Azoff, Sam Dederick, Bob Dederick, Aden Hughes

Also present: Leeanne Thornton, Adriana Beltrani

Attending from the public: Steve Gentile

Absent: Susan Weeks, Carole Ann Mayone

Accept minutes from November 2022. All in favor

Preliminary comments: Sam brought up two issues. First, she and Bob will be away for several months beginning in March, and would like to request the Town board waive or adjust the quorum requirements for the meetings they will be away, as quorum may be hard to achieve. (Rich Azoff noted he will also be away in March) Leeanne agreed to make this request to the Town board.

Second, Sam stated that there may be occasions where members of the CPC are requested to attend other town committee meetings to participate in discussions resulting from CPC work. She requested that rather than the CPC chair automatically be the person sent to such committees, that the CPC select an appropriate volunteer among their members by discussion/vote. This was unanimously agreed upon.

Election of CPC Officers for the 2023 year. The following were elected by unanimous consent:

Josefa Gutelius	Chair
Samantha Dederick	Vice-chair
Richard Azoff	Secretary

Town Board Report: Leeanne Thornton

- Leeanne reported that there was a public hearing regarding the Franchise Agreement between Charter Com. and the town.

- The TB inspected the town highway garage, which is in need of major repairs. This is an ongoing issue.
- A donor has provided financial assistance for the building of the new pickleball courts. Other pickleball players have indicated a willingness to contribute in the future.

Discussion of Lodging and Events definitions

- Adriana guided this discussion. In reviewing her 1/4/23 memo, she noted that there was some consensus on using the concept of *Net Lot Area* in defining the size of various zoning definitions. More discussion/study will be needed on this idea.
- There was discussion as to whether the definition of a resident or commercial campground should include a 25 rather than 50 acre minimum. No consensus was reached, so the 50 acre minimum remains in the language for now.
- The definition of an *event* was discussed. A member of the building department indicated that they would not want to be in the position of having to do a head count at an event, and would prefer leeway as to the definition. CPC discussion indicated that some definitions would need to be created, and agreed that this will be a primary discussion for the next meeting.

Comprehensive Plan

There was a brief discussion of the value of the Comprehensive Plan as a guiding document, or a *mission statement* as one member put it. Rich proposed that relevant parts of the plan be reviewed in increments at future meetings. Lauren agreed, and forwarded a copy of the plan to all CPC members. No consensus was reached on this, but no opposition was noted.

Adriana announced that she has accepted a new position and will be leaving Saugerties and the CPC. CPC members expressed their unanimous sorrow at hearing of her departure, as she has played a vital and most useful role in assisting the committee in moving forward with our

objectives. We will miss her knowledge, willingness to explore issues, competence and good humor, and wish her the best of luck in her new position.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. The February meeting is scheduled for 6:30PM on February 23 at the Town Hall.

Minutes respectfully submitted: Richard Azoff