

Comprehensive Planning Committee Minutes 7/24

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

Members present: Rich Azoff, Sam Dederick, Bob Dederick, Lauren Marcello Ruberg, Stephanie Bassler

Also present: Leeanne Thornton, Dan Erceg (Saugerties School Superintendent)

Absent: Aden Hughes, Laura Diffenderfer, Carole Ann Mayone, Susan Weeks, Adriana Beltrani,

June 2024 minutes were approved

Town Board Report:

Winston Farm meeting briefly reviewed.

Interviews for assessors position were held

Animal shelter's costs have increased by a million dollars

Business

Goal 2 (relating to schools) of the Comprehensive Plan was discussed with Dr. Erceg. As the school superintendent, he has never even seen the CP. It was noted that some of the goals were probably irrelevant or too general. Further, the goals were probably passed through over the course of several 5 years Comprehensive Plans without revision. Dr. Erceg pointed out that the implementation strategy: establish annual meeting between the Town/Village Boards and the School Board had never occurred, and even if it did would be insufficient as an action plan to accomplish any goals. Then, Dr. Erceg distributed the SCSD Strategic Plan - Blueprint for Excellence.

Dr. Erceg spent a few minutes discussing general school district issues such as changing demographics resulting in reduced student enrollment. The committee spent some time brainstorming possible goals to replace the existing ones in the CP. Dr. Erceg mentioned that there had been some partnerships with larger local employers to create internship

programs. Together we wondered whether small businesses could be brought in to this type of partnership to serve as mentorships, internships, and employment for high school students.

It was agreed that Stephanie would take the lead in reviewing the SCSD Blueprint, make some observations as to what might pertain to the town's Comprehensive Plan, and begin a discussion electronically prior to our next CPC meeting. At the next meeting we would discuss the issues and make recommendations regarding the Comprehensive Plan. At the same time, Dr. Erceg offered to discuss the issue with the SCSD leadership team to determine if others in the school district had thoughts/proposals.

Though not discussed at the meeting, the secretary notes that no members of the Saugerties *Village* Board or committees were present for this discussion. Any proposals for revision of the Comprehensive Plan would have to include those members/representatives.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

Minutes respectfully submitted: Richard Azoff