

Town of Westerlo

Comprehensive Plan Committee Minutes

Meeting on Wednesday, October 28th, 2020

The Town of Westerlo Comprehensive Plan Committee held a meeting on Wednesday October 28th 2020 at the Town Hall located at 933 County Route 401, Westerlo, NY. Committee Chair Dave Lendrum opened the meeting at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attending Committee members:

Dave Lendrum, Jill Henck, Barb Russell, Bill Scrafford and Tom Della Rocco were present in person. Steve Cornell and John Sefcik were present via Zoom meeting.

Not in attendance: Guy Weidman, Kelley Keefe

Others in attendance: Joe Boone and Bill Bichteman attended in person. Chuck Voss and Ted Nugent attended via Zoom.

1. Minutes: Bill Scrafford made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21st meeting with minor changes and Tom Della Rocco seconded. All members voted in favor.
2. Discussed matching up survey results with goals and objectives to ensure they are in line. The committee agreed to include a review of goals and actions at the end of the drafting process to ensure they match the community data that was collected.
3. Discussed with Chuck Voss and Bill Bichteman the level of depth and responsibility that the plan goals and actions should take. The committee should be looking for goals and actions that provide a broader guidance to the town code. With the consultant and supervisor present the committee discussed renewable goals and actions at a depth that is appropriate for the comprehensive plan and were provided with a general scope for going forward.
4. Committee members were educated on and discussed Special Use Permits (SUPs) and how they apply to the renewable energy projects in town to advise future goal writing and actions.
5. Jill Henck live-edited the working goals for the renewable energy section of the comprehensive plan, which the committee will look over and add to before the next CPC meeting considering the discussions of depth from this meeting.
6. The committee has agreed to meet on the following 4 dates before the end of the year; November 11th, November 18th, December 2nd, and December 9th.
7. Dave Lendrum agreed to attend the Town Board Meeting on Wednesday November 4th to address the board regarding the need for funding a full time consultant/writer to complete the drafting process for the comprehensive plan after the resignation of Dianne Sefcik. The committee thanked Dianne for her extensive time and effort in the draft plan thus far.

8. The committee agreed to focus on the current zoning and code goals for renewables and to understand the current rules before the November 11th meeting where continuation of renewable goal writing and actions will continue.

Jill made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Tom seconded.

The next meeting is Wed, November 11th 2020 at Town Hall or via Zoom.

Submitted by,
Dave Lendrum
Comp Plan Committee Chair