

Town of Westerlo

Comprehensive Plan Committee

Meeting on Wednesday, August 26th, 2020

The Town of Westerlo Comprehensive Plan Committee held a meeting on Wednesday August 26th 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: (all were present)

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

Others in attendance: 3 members of the public and Bill Bichteman. Chuck Voss and Dianne Sefcik were present via Zoom.

1. Minutes: Jill made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12th meeting and Barb seconded it. All members voted in favor.

2. The committee discussed going to the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month to increase productivity going into the end of the year. The committee approved the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of September and October of 2020 for our upcoming meetings.

3. Barb presented her Proposed Timeline for Completion of the Comprehensive Plan. Bill Bichteman gave the committee a final completion date for the rough draft of April 6th 2021. Dianne asked for 2-3 weeks for revisions at that point, leaving the final edited copy due on April 20th 2021. Committee members agreed that this timeline was doable.

Chuck and John commented that the time allotted for goals and recommendations may need to be extended or started sooner than February to have time to vet out the issues.

The renewable energy section will be addressed by the town's hired consultant at this point to help expedite the renewable energy section of the plan and possible zoning changes regarding renewables.

4. The Committee has decided to create a subcommittee for editing of second drafts.

a. Jill Henck, Barb Russell, John Sefcik, and Bill Scrafford have agreed to be on this subcommittee. They will work via Zoom meeting to edit second drafts of the draft plan that have been edited twice. They are looking at content gaps or unnecessary materials that could be removed. The meeting host will edit the document live to facilitate the process. Sections edited

by the subcommittee will bring those completed sections to upcoming meetings for open discussion and public view.

b. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 2nd at 5pm. Link to come.

5. Inventories were reviewed, updated and reassigned as necessary. Dave will work on the Hamlet, Kelley is working on emergency services, Barb and Tom are working on Agriculture, and Barb and Jill are working on Infrastructure.

6. Public comment: David Zilinski asked that public businesses be a focus of the comprehensive plan, and that the committee publish their notes and minutes more efficiently.

Jill made a motion to adjourn, and Barb seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

The next meeting is Wed, September 9, 2020 at Town Hall or via Zoom.

Submitted by,

Dave Lendrum
Comp Plan Committee Chair