

DRAFT- COMP PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Ulysses

Oct. 8, 2025

The meeting was held in person at the Town Hall at 10 Elm St., Trumansburg NY as well as via Zoom videoconference. Notice was posted on the Town's website and Clerk's board.

*Video recordings of meetings are available on Youtube at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWVIs--q9CpHlxdk9YxZyPw>.*

CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. DiPetta called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

ATTENDANCE:

In person-

Committee members- Ann DiPetta (chair), Liz Weatherby (vice chair), Katelin Olson (arrived at 5:21pm), Karl Klankowski, Allison Weaver, Karen Meador, Roxanne Marino, Tai Basilius

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Town Planner- Niels Tygesen

Absent:

Kim Moore, Mo Klein

OTHERS:

Via Zoom:

Jessica Geary (MRB Consultant)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Marino suggested adding discussion of the timeline to the agenda.

Ms. Meador moved to add an item to the agenda. This was seconded by Weatherby and passed unanimously.

Mr. Klankowski moved to approve the agenda. This was seconded by Ms. Meador and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES (September 24, 2025)

Ms. Marino suggested adding to the 9/24 minutes that there was a discussion of amending the introduction chapter of the draft before making it available for the public. This is why the chapter was not included for the open house.

Ms. Weatherby motioned to approve the minutes as amended. This was seconded by Mr. Klankowski and passed by DiPetta, Weaver, Marino, and Basilius. Ms. Meador abstained.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (3 min limit per person)

Noting that no members of the public were in attendance in person nor on Zoom, Mr. Klankowski motioned to close Privilege of the Floor. This was seconded by Ms. Meador and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING on COMMUNITY WELL-BEING; CAPITAL FACILITIES, SERVICES, AND UTILITIES:

Mr. Klankowski moved to open the public hearing. This was seconded by Ms. Meador.

The Chair noted that no one was in attendance.

Mr. Klankowski moved to table the hearing. This was seconded by Ms. Meador and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Preparation for Final Hearing/Recommendation to Town Board

The group discussed meeting with the Town Attorney to prepare for sending the draft to the Town Board.

The group further discussed the timeline of their review; incorporation of any changes; and public hearings and determined that the draft could be shared with the Town Board on 11/12/25.

Next, members shared concerns about the quick turnaround necessary to pass the document to the Town Board and what would happen if they don't complete it in the allotted time.

Ms. Weatherby said that it will be difficult to carry it over into 2026 due to the grant and consultant contract expiring, members resigning, and potentially 3 new Town Board members who will need to come up to speed.

Ms. Olson said that the Town Board will still be able to make changes to the document so it doesn't need to be perfect when the committee passes it off. She further added that the Town Attorney doesn't recommend that the process continue without the consultants, and the Town has not budgeted funds to pay for the project beyond the grant.

Several members shared that they have not had time to review the draft chapters adequately, are not comfortable with the way it is currently drafted, and some key information is still missing partly because the committee has not had time to discuss some of the topics.

Ms. Olson encouraged the group to continue moving forward for now and make a final decision after reviewing the draft from MRB.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Geary shared information gathered from public comments at the open house on 10/6.

The group discussed various aspects including:

- Future Land Use Map
 - industrial areas
- Intro chapter
- Creation of action plans
- Processes for how to amend the plan

MEMBER REPORTS:

(none)

ADJOURN:

Ms. Meador made a motion to adjourn at 7:39pm. This was seconded by Mr. Klankowski.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk, 10/20/25