

COMP PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

Town of Ulysses

Oct. 22, 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. Weatherby called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

ATTENDANCE:

In person-

Committee members- Liz Weatherby (vice chair), Katelin Olson, Karl Klankowski, Allison Weaver, Karen Meador, Roxanne Marino, Mo Klein, 7 Diane Cohen, Kim Moore (5:15pm)

Town Clerk- Carissa Parlato

Town Planner- Niels Tygesen

Absent-

Tai Basilius

Via Zoom-

Ann DiPetta (chair)

OTHERS:

Via Zoom:

Jessica Geary (MRB Consultant), Leanne Voit, Jessica Brothers (Highland)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Ms. Marino suggested adding a review pf MRB's draft and discussion of the timeline to the agenda.

Ms. Weatherby said that she'd also like to move approval of minutes to the end of the meeting.

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

PUBLIC HEARING on TRANSPORTATION; LAND USE; AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (SEQR EA)

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

Ms. Weatherby noted that no members of the public were in attendance.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR (3 min limit per person)

Ms. Weatherby again noted that no members of the public were in attendance.

NEXT STEPS:

Ms. Geary shared a presentation of all the work that was done:

- Single table of contents at the beginning of the doc rather than each chapter
- Layout consistency
- Redundancies removed for goals, objectives, policies
- Formatting
- Public input incorporated
- Errors and corrections addressed

Timeline update:

- 10/24- committee comments to Highland
- 10/31- new draft distributed
- 11/5- CPSC approval of draft; possible referral to Town Board
- 11/12- Town Board review
- 11/14- MRB review of Town Board changes
- 11/26- TB finalizes draft and schedules public hearing
- 12/16- Town Board holds public hearing before adoption

The group shared feedback on the current draft, including the following:

- Intro chapter and its style (whether it should be more like an executive summary)
- climate resilience & sustainability, and acknowledgement of grant
 - why say in line with state goals- should be town goals
 - decrease in population
 - ESRI data given
 - Employment
- stormwater plan
- land use table
- how “income” is defined
- best practices for comp plans
- the layout
- housing
- lack of time for proper review of the document
- process for adding additional feedback
- that the document should reflect what the public wants rather than what committee members want
- who the target audience is
- whether there’s been enough public input

Discussion on moving forward:

The group decided to streamline the process so that each person did not need review the entire document as it is large. Each person was assigned a few chapters to comment on.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES (October 8, 2025)

Ms. Weaver moved to approve the minutes from Oct. 8. This was seconded by Ms. Olson.

Ms. Meador requested to clarify in the minutes that no members *of the public* were in attendance. Ms. Weaver and Ms. Olson approved this change and the group voted unanimously.

ADJOURN:

Mr. Klein moved to adjourn at 7:04pm. This was seconded by Ms. Olson and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carissa Parlato, Town Clerk, 11/4/25